

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in this application. The Examiner has restricted the claims to five groups: Group I - claims 1-4, and 18-22, drawn to a method to induce homologous recombination in a plant; a composition of matter which can be induced to undergo homologous recombination in a plant; Group II - claims 5-10, and 18-23, drawn to a method to construct a functional gene in plants, comprising introducing to the plant a maize recombination construct having overlapping sequences having homologous regions; Group III - claims 11-12, and 18-23, drawn to a method to alter a naturally occurring sequence in plants; Group IV - claims 13-15, and 18-23, drawn to a method to construct a fusion protein sequence in plants; and Group V - claims 16-23, drawn to a method to induce complementary nucleic acid sequence production in plants. Claims 18-23 are included in each group, and will be examined to the extent that they read on the elected invention.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicant elects to prosecute claims 1-4 and 18-22 with traverse, as the groups are all related by a single method and should not require separate searches.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. In the event the requirement is maintained, claims 5-17 and 23 will be canceled upon indication of allowable subject matter.

A petition and fee for extensions of time is being filed. Please consider this a request for any additional extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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